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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH NBC

1. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS ON WEDNESDAY, 1/4, CARRIED FOLLOWING
REPORT:

JOHN HART: JOHN CHANCELLOR, TRAVELLING WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER, TELLS US THE UNITED STATES BEGAN LEANING ON ISRAEL
TODAY TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE ARABS.
WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY ARRIVED IN PARIS THIS AFTERNOON
CHANCELLOR TALKED WITH SECSTATE VANCE ABOUT THIS NEW TURN
OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY, AND VANCE SAID THE UNITED STATES
WANTS DEFINITE PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD FORM A BROAD OUTLINE
FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

VANCE: "ON THE QUESTION OF BROAD PRINCIPLES, WE HAVE FELT
THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A DEFINITION OF BROAD PRIN-
CIPLES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. AND THAT IS
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FOR A COUPLE OF REASONS. IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE THINK
IT'S ESSENTIAL TO DEFINE THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH
THE DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING TO TAKE PLACE, AND THAT WILL BE
DONE BY REACHING AGREEMENT ON SUCH BROAD PRINCIPLES. AND
SECONDLY, AS SOON AS THE BROAD PRINCIPLES CAN BE ESTAB-
LISHED, THE GREATER THE LIKELIHOOD THAT OTHERS CAN BE

BROUGHT IN TO THE DISCUSSIONS. SO, FOR THESE TWO REASONS, WE HAVE FAVORED A RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF BROAD PRINCIPLES AT AN EARLY DATE. NOW THAT DOESN'T PUT US REALLY ON THE SIDE OF ANYBODY.

CHANCELLOR: THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SAYING THAT THE PALESTINIANS SHOULD HAVE A VOICE IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE. BUT TODAY HE SAID ANY SETTLEMENT SHOULD ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR FUTURE. NOW, YOU'RE AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT. ISN'T THAT A CHANGE?

VANCE: THE PROBLEM'S A VERY, VERY COMPLEX ONE AND IT'S COMPLEX FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. IT IS COMPLEX BECAUSE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PARTIES INVOLVED. THE PALESTINIANS MUST PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE BECAUSE IT'S THEIR FUTURE AT STAKE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ISRAELIS HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION AND THE JORDANIANS HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION. SO THAT WHEN ONE TALKS ABOUT PARTICIPATION WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE PROCESS IN WHICH ALL THREE OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES TO THAT QUESTION HAVE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE. INDEED, ONE CAN SAY THERE'S FOUR PARTIES BECAUSE WHEN YOU GET TO THE QUESTION OF GAZA THE EGYPTIANS ALSO HAVE AN INTEREST IN IT.

2. FOOTAGE OF SECRETARY'S INTERVIEW WITH CHANCELLOR ALSO APPEARED ON NBC SPECIAL BROADCAST LATER WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
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WHITE HOUSE WILL SUMMARIZE THAT REPORT AND INCLUDE IN NEWS SUMMARY DEPARTING THURSDAY EVENING. CHRISTOPHER

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